

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

RAKHA HARI DAS, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/725,994

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For: METHOD FOR DETECTING PATHOGENIC  
MYCOBACTERIA IN CLINICAL SPECIMENS

**Confirmation No. 5203**

Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Rodney P. SWARTZ

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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents

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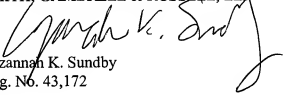
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Dear Sir:

This is a Petition for an Extension of Time for a one month period. This Petition for Extension of Time is being concurrently filed with a Response.

Payment of the requisite fee is being made with a credit card using EFS-Web.

Respectfully submitted,  
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